**Fast Track Courts in Karnataka**

560. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Fast Track Court Scheme was launched?

(b) whether the above scheme has become functional in Karnataka;

(c) If so, the number of Fast Track Courts functioning in Karnataka;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up more Fast Track Courts in Karnataka;

(e) the grant, if any, sanctioned to Karnataka during the year 2001-02 and 2002-03 for this purpose; and

(f) the number of long pending cases so far cleared by these Fast Track Courts in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) On the basis of the recommendations made by the Eleventh Finance Commission, the Fast Track Court Scheme was launched in August, 2000.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Out of the 13 Fast Track Courts notified by the Government of Karnataka, 10 Fast Track Courts are functioning in Karnataka.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) During the year 2001-02, an amount of Rs. 5.43 crore was released to Karnataka. Further, during the year 2002-03, an amount of Rs. 13.45 crore has been released to Karnataka so far under the Fast Track Courts scheme.

(f) As per information available, the Fast Track Courts in Karnataka have so far cleared 572 cases.

**Recommendation of CJI or State CJ for elevation of Judges**

561. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of cases in which the recommendation of a State Chief Justice or Chief Justice of India made for elevation of a